

Citizenship Preparation

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Goals and Objectives

- Identify the requirements specific to Citizenship Preparation under the AEFLA/WIOA II Integrated EL Civics Grant including:
 - Earning Citizenship Preparation payment points
 - CASAS Pre/post testing requirements
 - CASAS Citizenship Interview Test (CIT) certification and recertification requirements
 - Remote testing options
- Access Citizenship Preparation information and instructional resources through the USCIS and CASAS websites





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California Citizenship Preparation Under WIOA II





EL Civics, Citizenship Preparation and WIOA

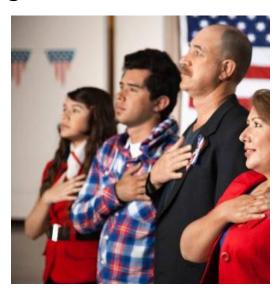
- The Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Title II (AEFLA WIOA II) defines English Literacy and Civics Education as:
 - Education services which enable competency in :
 - · English language
 - Advanced skills needed to function effectively as parents, workers, and citizens of the United States





EL Civics, Citizenship Preparation and WIOA (2)

- WIOA II includes instruction in:
 - Literacy and English language acquisition
 - Rights and responsibilities of citizenship and civic participation
 - May include workforce training







California EL Civics Focus Areas

- EL Civics funded agencies can hold classes in one or more focus areas:
 - 231 Citizenship Preparation
 - 231 Civic Participation
 - 243 Integrated Education and Training (IELCE)







Citizenship Preparation: Instructional Focus

- English literacy skills
- Preparation for the USCIS written test
 - Tests knowledge of US history and government
- Preparation for the USCIS oral citizenship exam

 Interview questions are based on the USCIS N-400 citizenship application





Earning WIOA II Payment Points for Citizenship Preparation





Citizenship Payment Points Under CA AEFLA/WIOA II Grant (1)

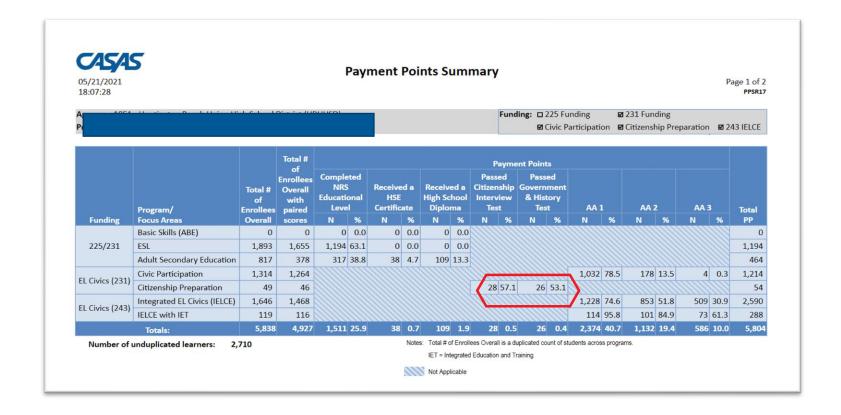
- ESL students can earn two citizenship payment points:
 - One for the CASAS Government and History for Citizenship Test (G&H) passed at 206 or above
 - Forms 965 or 966 25 minutes each
 - One for the CASAS Citizenship Interview
 Test (CIT) passed at 206 or above
 - Forms 973 or 974 15-20 minutes each

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Citizenship Payment Points Under CA AEFLA/WIOA II Grant (2)







Citizenship Payment Points: Instructional Program

Class Instance	
Class Start Date:	8/14/2020 Class End Date: 5/14/2021
Instructional Programs:	○ N/A High School Diploma Adults w/Disabilities Pre-Apprenticeship
	Basic Skilla (ABE) HSE Adults supporting K12 student success ESL/ELL Other Program Citizenship Workforce Preparation ROCP
Special Programs:	None
Transition Focuses:	N/A Transitions to work Transitions to workforce training Transitions to postsecondary education This class does not focus on transitions

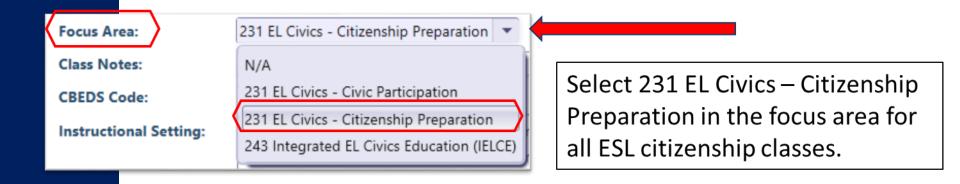
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Citizenship Payment Points: Focus Area

 ESL students must be enrolled in a 231 funded Citizenship Preparation designated course in TOPSpro Enterprise (TE)



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Citizenship Payment Points: Requirements

- ESL students must have a CASAS pre/posttest pair in one of these test series:
 - CASAS Life and Work Reading or Listening (all levels)
 - Reading for Citizenship (beginning level only)
 - Staff must complete an entry and update record (or equivalent) for each learner.











CASAS Assessments and Test Administration for Citizenship Preparation





Reading for Citizenship Tests (1)

(forms 951/952 and 951X/952X - 1 hour)

 The CASAS Reading for Citizenship test series is designed to motivate beginning readers to improve their citizenship-focused reading skills.

Reading for Citizenship Levi AX Form 9546X





Reading for Citizenship Tests (2)

- Forms 951 and 952 are at the CASAS Level A. Forms 951X and 952X are "bridge" tests between Levels A and B.
 - They can be used instead of CASAS Life and Work for NRS data reporting.
 - Though not recommended, Reading for Citizenship tests can be paired with Life and Work reading tests for pre-posttest pairs.





Government and History for Citizenship Tests (forms 965 or 966 – 25 minutes)

- A US civics listening test of knowledge of American government and history
 - Based on the USCIS "100 Questions"
 - For high beginning to advanced English learners.
 - Students listen to the questions and choose their response from a list of options.
- CASAS eTests proctor certification is required for e-Testing.

No special training is necessary to order and administer the paperbased test: follow the instructions in the Test Administration Manual.

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Government and History for Citizenship Tests (2)

Passed Citizenship Interview Test		Passed Government & History Test		AA 1		AA 2		AA 3		Total
N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	PP
										170
										700
										135
				658	36.9	480	26.9	6	0.3	1,144
31	3.6	596	69.0							627
	1111			786	65.1	527	43.6	283	23.4	1,596
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				214	79.3	158	58.5	8/	32.2	455

16. How do I set up a class to have instruction in both Civic Participation and Citizenship Preparation or Civic Participation and Integrated EL Civics (IELCE)?

If a Civic Participation Class will give instruction in both Citizenship Preparation and Civics Participation or Civic Participation and IELCE, set up 2 classes in TE. Then, in the Focus Area select one for each class:

- Citizenship Preparation (231)
- Civic Participation (231)
- IELCE (243)

For example, an agency has planned a class for intermediate level learners M-Th 9am-12pm This agency wants to teach one 231 funded Citizenship Preparation class and one 231 funded Civic Participation class during the Fall Semester. This can be accomplished in two ways:

Example 1:

- Set up one class from 9-10:30am M-TH designated as 231 funded Citizenship Preparation in TE.
- Then set up another class from 10:30am-12:00pm M-Th and designate this class as 231 funded Civic Participation. Teach the 30 hours of the 231 funded Civic Objective and assess it during that time period in the semester.

Example 2:

- Split the class into two 8-10 week quarters. Set up one class from 9am-12pm M-TH for the first "quarter" designated as 231 funded Citizenship Preparation in TE.
- Then set up another class from 9am-12pm M-TH for the second "quarter" and designate this class as 231 funded Civic Participation in TE. Teach the 231 funded Civic Objective and assess it during this time period in the quarter.

Be sure to mark "ESL/ELL" for Instructional Program.

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Government and History for Citizenship Tests (3)

Home > Training and Support > CASAS Peer Communities > California Adult Education Accountability and Assessment > California EL Civics > California Citizenship Preparation California Citizenship Preparation California Remote Testing The focus of the Citizenship Preparation program is literacy skills. The program uses ESL methodologies and citizenship preparation California Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education Report material to prepare learners to take and pass the USCIS (formerly INS) written and oral citizenship test. The program includes outreach services, skills assessment, curriculum development and instruction, professional development, naturalization preparation and assistance and program evaluation. California Citizenship Preparation Citizenship Information and Resources California Civic Participation and IELCE Download . California WIOA, Title II: AEFLA/EL Civics Program Specialist and CDE Regional Consultant Contact Information 257.84 KB Download Citizenship Preparation FAQs PDF EL Civics Conference 2020-21 EL Civics Basics: Citizenship Preparation PDF 1.35 MB Download

CASAS California Citizenship Preparation Webpage





Citizenship Interview Test (CIT)

(forms 965 or 966 – 15-20 minutes)

- A one-on-one oral interview test for high beginning to advanced English learners
- Includes personal information and information from the N-400 Application for Naturalization.
- This simulated interview helps determine if a student is ready to pass the USCIS naturalization interview





Citizenship Interview Test (CIT): Certification (1)

- The CIT examiner must be currently certified for students to earn a payment point.
- To become a CIT examiner, place an order for the self-paced online course at: Citizenship Interview Test (CIT)
- The CIT Certification course closes on April 30 each year.





Citizenship Interview Test (CIT): Certification (2)

- There are 3 parts to the certification process:
 - Part I: (units 1-9) Successfully complete the certification quiz in the training course
 - Part II: (unit 10) Successfully score at 80% accuracy 3 of 6 certification interviews in the training course
 - Part III: Conduct and record 2 interviews with 2 different students at the beginning high to intermediate level and submit to CASAS for review





Citizenship Interview Test (CIT): Recertification

- CIT Certification expires each year on June 30.
 - CIT Examiners must recertify each year between Jan. and April 30.
 - Recertification is done online.
 - CIT Examiners will be notified about recertification procedures each January.
 - Contact <u>CIT@casas.org</u> or at 1-800-255-1036 ext. 108 with questions or for more information.





California Remote Testing





Citizenship Preparation: Remote Testing

- Remote Testing Benefits:
 - Provides student with helpful feedback
 - Keeps students engaged in learning
 - Prepares students for USCIS test
- Remote Testing Challenges:
 - Access to technology (equity concerns)
 - Challenges of student test environment

Test security issues







CASAS CIT Remote Testing (1)

- Requirements for remote assessment
 - At least one CIT examiner from each agency completes CIT Remote Test Training Webinar and trains other CIT examiners.
 - Complete Agency Remote Testing Agreement (required, one per organization).
 - CIT examiners sign *Proctor Remote Testing* Agreement and agency keeps on file for all CIT examiners that conduct remote testing.

Training and remote testing documents can be found on the *California Remote Testing* page of the CASAS website.





CASAS CIT Remote Testing (2)

- Additional Requirements
 - CIT Examiners must follow CIT Remote
 Testing Guidelines in addition to the CIT Test
 Administration Directions.
 - Student oral agreement for test security given at the time of testing.
 - Agencies and CIT Examiners are responsible for test security in remote setting.
 - The Citizenship Interview Test (CIT) can only be administered 1:1 (no group testing).

Email <u>CIT@casas.org</u> to request fillable PDF CIT booklets for scoring.





CASAS CIT Remote Testing (3)

The existing CIT Test Administration
 Directions in the CIT Training apply unless specifically noted otherwise in the CIT
 Remote Testing Guidelines.







CASAS G&H Remote Testing (1)

- Can be given remotely by certified eTest proctors through eTesting (ideal)
- Remote testing option using a CASAS flash (USB) drive option. The flash drive contains:
 - Test administration instructions
 - Standardized PowerPoint presentations for forms
 965 and 966
 - Built-in audio and timing: slides automatically advance once the test begins.
 - Written answer choices are displayed, one question per slide

Practice question allows the test administrator to make sure the student(s) can see and hear the slide presentation before beginning the actual test.





CASAS G&H Remote Testing (2)

- Follow the test administration instructions on the CASAS G&H flash drive
 - Following remote testing guidelines, the G&H
 Test can be given 1:1 or with up to 10 students at a time.
 - Agencies may determine how students record and submit their answers (e.g., CASAS answer sheet, Google form, photo of written answers, etc.)
 - Test administrators do not need to be a certified eTests proctor to give the test in this format.





CASAS G&H Remote Testing(3)

- Ordering:
 - Order 1 flash drive per test administrator.
 - Test administrators may not copy or share the flash drive.
 - The flash drive may be re-used.
 - Use the CASAS California Order Form for WIOA Title II 225/231 Agencies.

Questions? Send an email to:

CIT@casas.org





CASAS Remote Testing Resources

California Remote Testing







Remote Testing Resources for Citizenship (1)

Citizenship Interview Test (CIT)							
File	Туре	Size	Download				
CASAS CIT Remote Testing Guidelines v1.1	PDF	858.72 KB	Download Download				
Going Remote! Checklist for CASAS CIT Test v1.1	PDF	716.74 KB	<u>Download</u>				
CASAS Remote CIT Testing FAQs v1.1	PDF	734.78 KB	Download				
CASAS CIT Remote Test Training Webinar	PDF	581.50 KB	Download				
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Remote Testing Resources for Citizenship (2)





Going Remote! Checklist for CIT Test (for 1:1)

The existing CIT Test Administration Directions in the CIT Certification Training apply unless specifically noted otherwise in the CIT Remote Testing Guidelines.

All bolded items are on the California Remote Testing page of the CASAS website.

- At least one person from each agency completes CIT Remote Test Training Webinar and trains other CIT examiners, if appropriate.
- Determine most accessible and most secure remote technology/procedures for CIT testing.
- Complete Agency Remote Testing Agreement (required, one per organization).
- CIT examiners sign Proctor Remote Testing Agreement and agency keeps on file for all CIT examiners that conduct remote testing.
- 5. Each agency adds their remote procedures to their Local Assessment Policy.
- Request the CASAS Fillable PDF CIT Test Booklets, Forms 973 and 974 by emailing CIT@casas.org.
- Practice with selected technology before using with examinee in a testing situation.
- Schedule remote testing of examinees who have completed citizenship preparation.
- Obtain verbal and/or visual confirmation of privacy and security measures using CIT Remote Testing Guidelines.
- Administer 973 or 974 CIT test following CIT Test Administration Directions and CIT Remote Testing Guidelines.
 - a. CIT examiner scores examinee's performance in test booklet (paper or fillable PDF). CIT test administration is a 1:1 test. No group testing is permitted.
 - Initial CIT certifiers must record two interviews and submit to CIT@casas.org.
- 11. Turn in test results to data person for entering into TOPSpro Enterprise (TE).
- Agency is responsible for keeping remote test booklets secure. See CIT Remote
 Testing Guidelines and CIT Remote Testing FAQs for additional information.

13. Go Remote!





Offering a Citizenship Preparation Program





Citizenship Program Requirements

- Administer CASAS pre and post-tests to each learner.
- Complete an entry record (or equivalent) for each learner.
- Complete an update record (or equivalent) for each learner.







Offering a Citizenship Program

- Become familiar with information and resources
- Plan Instruction

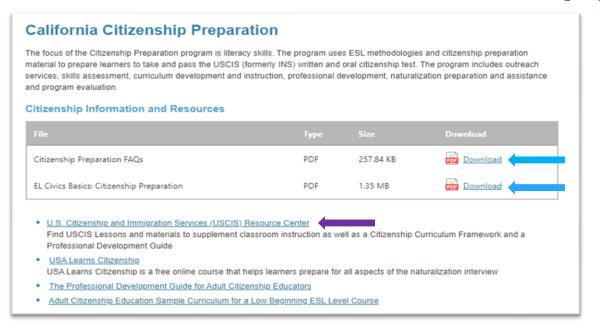
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They wanted a "living document." This the country.	s means the Constitution can change with
A change to the Constitution is called	an amendment.
In 1791, a list of ten amendments wa	as added.
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The Bill of Rights talks about individua	al rights.
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The First Amendment	
The First Amendment is in the Bill of Rights.	
Americans often talk about the First Amendment.	
The First Amendment protects individual rights or freedoms.	
These rights are for everyone living in the United States.	
The rights or freedoms from the First Amendment are:	
Freedom of Religion—You can practice any religion or you can practice no religion.	
Freedom of Speech—You can say what you want about public problems.	
Freedom of Assembly—You can meet peacefully to talk about problems and ideas.	
Freedom of the Press—The government cannot control what people write in newspapers and the media.	
Freedom to Petition the Government—You can ask the government to change laws.	
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2 Bill of Rights and Other Amendments ★ www.uscis.gov/citizenship	





CASAS Website Resources (1)



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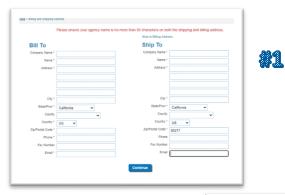
<u>Citizenship Oral Interview Test (CIT) and Government and History for Citizenship Test</u>
 Ensure that your students are well prepared for the citizenship process and USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Services) interview. Let CASAS citizenship assessments help you meet that goal!

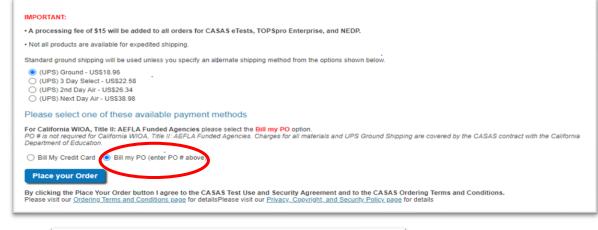
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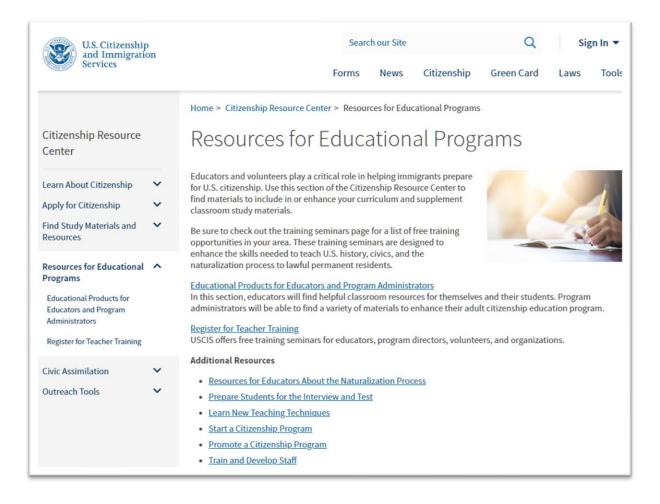
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USCIS Resource Center (1)

https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship





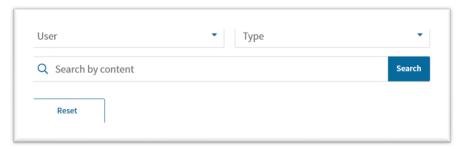


USCIS Resource Center (2)

https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship

- Educational Products for Educators and Program Administrators
 - <u>Educational Products for Educators and Program</u>
 Administrators

In this section, educators will find helpful classroom resources for themselves and their students. Program administrators will be able to find a variety of materials to enhance their adult citizenship education program.







USCIS Resource Center (3)

- Additional Resources
- Resources for Educators About the Naturalization Process
- Prepare Students for the Interview and Test
- Learn New Teaching Techniques
- Start a Citizenship Program
- Promote a Citizenship Program
- Train and Develop Staff





USA Learns (1)



USA Learns Citizenship





USA Learns (2)

Students use USA Learns to:

- Learn English free!
- Prepare to become a U.S. citizen.
- Watch video of English lessons and do 1000s of English learning activities.
- Practice English <u>speaking</u>, <u>listening</u>, <u>vocabulary</u>, <u>reading</u>, <u>writing</u>, <u>pronunciation</u>, and <u>grammar</u>.
- Check for understanding and receive immediate feedback.
- Learn everyday American English and <u>life skills</u>.





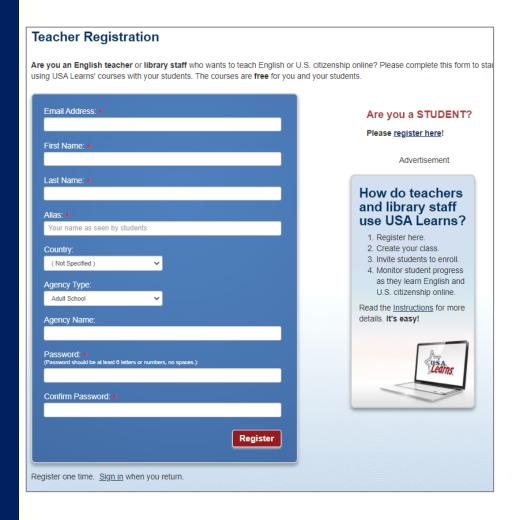
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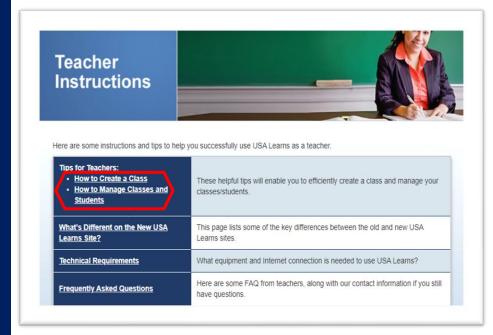








USA Learns (5)



Teachers use USA Learns to:

- Create free online English and U.S.
 Citizenship classes based on USA
 Learns' 1st English Course, 2nd
 English Course and Practice English and Reading and U.S. Citizenship
 Course.
- Enroll students in USA Learns classes.
- · Monitor progress of ESL students.
- Easily access class rosters and grade books.

Read about <u>USA Learns in the</u>
<u>Classroom</u> and the <u>Overview Guide</u>.





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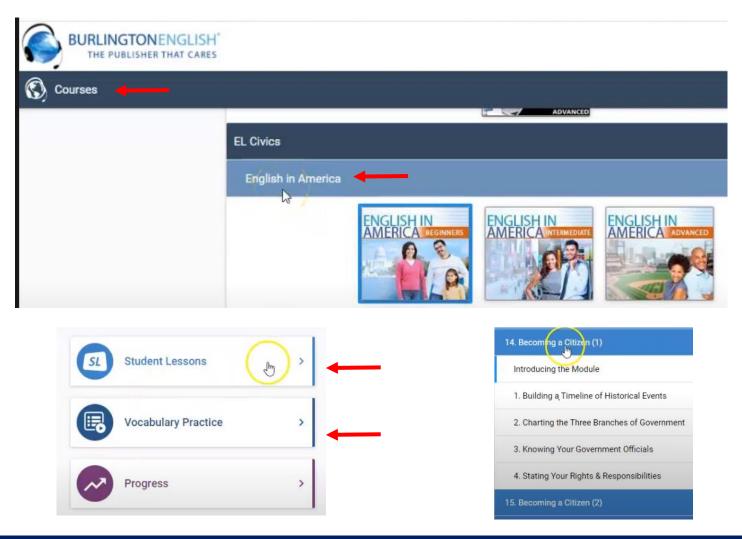


Ventures Arcade





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Citizenship Preparation Review

- At the end of this session, participants will be able to:
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 - Remote testing options
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Thank you for attending!

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for all citizenship related questions.

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